

## "Baju Renda Merah", Wins UMS-NST 2015 Short Story Grand Prize

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**FRIDAY, 18 MARCH** – A short story entitled “Bajuku Renda Merah” penned by Tolok Sulok was adjudged the recipient of the first prize award in the Universiti Malaysia Sabah- New Sabah Times Short Story Competition 2015 jointly organised by UMS and NST, starting from May until December last year.

Tolok, 53, or his pen name Delly Surag, who is also the Secretary General of the Tuaran Artistes Association, has been active in writing for quite some time with many of his short stories and poems featured in local newspapers, and his scripts used by local film companies.

The win also saw this Kota Belud, Sabah lad sweeping the prize-money of RM3,000 and certificate of appreciation.

The prizes were presented by the Head of Corporate Communications Division UMS, Vina Zahriani Yusof, witnessed by the Chief Editor of Malay language New Sabah Times, Mohd Amin Muin and the Publication Officer of UMS, Che Hasruddin Che Hasan at the office of the New Sabah Times.

The second place went to Samiron Rahmat with his short story entitled “Sesuci Syafiqah Setabah Aqilah”, winning him the cash prize of RM2,000 and a certificate of appreciation.

For the third place, the evaluation panel has selected “Dia Bukan Bapa Aku” written by Farah Wahidah Roslan, whose short story earned her the cash prize of RM1,000 and a certificate of appreciation.

The consolation prizes were awarded to Abdul Rauf Mohd Salleh (Diari Wanita Jadian), Amina Ali (Kar Lis Kis), Syed Mahadzir Syed Ibrahim (Hujan Terus Jatuh), Kamal Ishak (Pensiangan), Norsuhaidah Koppeli (Perhitungan Terakhir), Badrul Hisham Mohamad (As-Syafie) and Nurhidayah Johari (Aku Ingin Terbang Tinggi, Mak!), where they each received cash prize of RM500 and a certificate of appreciation.

The UMS-NST Short Story Competition 2015 received a total of 140 works submitted by local writers from across the country, and 33 short stories of the number were featured weekly and evaluated. – *MA (f)*

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